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1. CONSULATE AUGUST 12 DISCUSSED STATUS OF RANCO LOAN REQUEST WITH HEAD OF REGIONAL OFFICE OF MINISTRY OF LABOR, DR. NICOSIA NICOSIA SAID RANCO'S LOAN APPLICATION IS NOT BEING HANDLED BY HIS OFFICE BUT RATHER BY MINISTRY IN ROME. BEFORE LOAN CAN BE CONSIDERED, HOWEVER, PRELIMINARY INFORMATION MUST BE ASSEMBLED SHOWING THAT FIRM HAS SATISFIED "RESTRUCTURING" REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY BOTH FOR CASSA INTEGRAZIONE APPLICATION AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT-PROVIDED SUBSIDIZED LOANS. TASK OF HIS OFFICE IS TO COLLECT THIS INFORMATION AND TO GAIN UNION ACCEPTANCE OF FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION. OFFICE FINALLY FORWARDS EVERYTHING TO APPROPRIATE MINISTRIES IN ROME, WHICH ONLY THEN BEGIN CONSIDERING LOAN APPLICATION.

2. NICOSIA TOLD US HE HAS RECEIVED RANCO REQUEST FOR CASSA INTEGRAZIONE HOURS BUT NO LOAN REQUEST. LATER, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE GONE DIRECTLY TO MINISTRY IN ROME (WHICH COULD NOT, UNCLASSIFIED

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HOWEVER ACT FAVORABLY UNTIL HIS OFFICE HAD SUPPLIED DOSSIER

SHOWING THAT FIRM'S RESTRUCTURING WAS PROCEEDING APACE AND THAT UNIONS WERE ABOARD). NICOSIA SAID REQUEST FROM RANCO TO BEGIN HIS INVESTIGATION FOR CASSA INTEGRAZIONE HOURS DID NOT ARRIVE IN HIS OFFICE UNTIL JUNE. NICOSIA THEN ADDRESSED REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO LOCAL OFFICES WHO MUST AGREE FIRM'S RESTRUCTURING IS IN ORDER (SEE BELOW). AUGUST HOLIDAYS, HE SAID, ARE SLOWING PROGRESS ON MATTER. HOWEVER, NICOSIA THOUGHT IT LIKELY HE COULD FORWARD DOSSIER TO ROME BY BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER.

3. LOCAL OFFICES WHOSE FAVORABLE RULING NICOSIA MUST OBTAIN ARE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN COME (WHOSE REPORT ALREADY IN), LOMBARDY REGIONAL LABOR COMMITTEE (MISSING), COMO PROVINCIAL LABOR OFFICE (MISSING), AND COMO LABOR INSPECTORATE (MISSING). LAST OFFICE, SAID NICOSIA, IS ONE WHOSE REPORT IS CRUCIAL AND WITHOUT WHICH DOSSIER CANNOT GO TO ROME. HIS OFFICE, HE SAID, SENT FORM TO COMO INSPECTORATE JULY 10.

4. WE HAVE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO CONTACT RESPONSIBLE PERSON AT COMO LABOR INSPECTORATE IN ORDER TO SPEED SUBMISSION OF INSPECTORATE'S REPORT. WE ALSO ATTEMPTED TO SPEAK WITH RANCO LAWYER IN MILAN CLAUDIO COMILLI, BUT HE TOO IS AWAY. BOTH SCHEDULED TO RETURN WITHIN WEEK, AND WE WILL FORWARD ANY NEW INFORMATION FROM THEM WHEN WE GET IT.

5. WE CANNOT TELL FROM INTERVIEW WITH NICOSIA WHEN RANCO LOAN REQUEST ARRIVED IN ROME, OR EVEN, IF IT HAS ARRIVED. NEITHER DO WE KNOW HOW LONG IT NORMALLY TAKES MINISTRY TO APPROVE LOAN OF THIS KIND. NICOSIA COULD GIVE US ESTIMATES ONLY OF HOW LONG HIS OWN WORK WOULD TAKE. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONTACT MINISTRY ON THIS POINT. OUR CONTACTS WITH OFFICES MENTIONED PARA 4 SHOULD ALSO HELP CLARIFY SITUATION. UNQUOTEWRIGHT

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